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FIRE INSURANCE CASE IS APPEALED

Fraud Alleged in Suit Which Comes Up From the Louisa Circuit Court.

Intimations of frauds are made in a suit involving fire insurance, in which the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday granted a writ of error. The case in that lower court was that of Mrs. W. M. Talley against the Norfolk Fire Insurance Corporation, from the Circuit Court of Louisa county.

In the fire, which lasted only twenty minutes, a two-story storeroom, situated three miles from Fredericksburg, was consumed. It was a stock of goods. The house was estimated to be worth \$1,150 and carried \$700 insurance. The stock was insured for \$1,100, the company claiming that it was much depleted.

A few days preceding the fire, it is stated in the evidence, a son of the plaintiff and a brother of one of the owners of the stock of goods, was seen on his knees apparently handling some fire under the building. There are also references to "the illumination on the roof."

Aside from the alleged fraud, there are statements of violation of the terms of the policy by carrying a stock of fireworks. The lower court gave Mrs. Talley a verdict.

BLACKSBURG MAY FURNISH FIGHT

Barringer-Priddy Episode Likely to Be Subject of Alumni Action.

Probably nothing but routine matters will engage the attention of the board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, when it meets tomorrow at Blacksburg. If there are to be any fireworks during the finals in connection with the Barringer controversy, they are expected to be reserved until the annual meeting of the Alumni Association on Tuesday.

It is the general opinion that the alumni will take action of some sort or another relative to recent investigation of the president. With this expectation, a full meeting of the association is anticipated. Reports have been current that both the friends of Dr. Barringer and of Lawrence Priddy are making ready for the fray. On the one hand, it has been stated that an effort would be made to secure the passage of a resolution repudiating the charges preferred by the Barringer Committee, while it is supposed that Mr. Priddy has been securing proxies either for the purpose of getting an endorsement or else preventing any hostile action.

Quality to Practice. James H. Price, William Kinckle Allen and John J. McManis qualified yesterday to practice law in the Law and Equity Court.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO HONOR STUDENTS

Richmond Academy Awards Scholarships and Medals. The Winners.

Despite the very inclement weather the chapel of Richmond College was crowded last night when the commencement exercises of the Richmond Academy were held. The members of the graduating class assisted in the presentation of an interesting program, and an address was delivered by Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan. Among those who occupied seats with the faculty was Lieutenant-Governor Taylor Ellyson.

The exercises were opened with an invocation by Rev. J. R. Johnson, D. D., after which the salutatory, class prophecy and class poem were delivered by members of the class. The address of Mr. MacLachlan followed. "Education," said the speaker, "means knowing something, being something and helping something." Following these lines he made an interesting talk which he enlivened with anecdotes and reminiscences of his own youth at college. Following the conferring of honors and distinctions, the valedictory was delivered by Charles Achilles Slekman.

The following graduates were presented with diplomas: James Irving Cason, Raymond Massey, Daniel Stephen McCarthy, Charles Achilles Slekman, Frederick Yale Toy, David Maxwell Wadley.

Scholarships Awarded.

Scholarships were awarded as follows: Richmond Academy scholarship, Edwin Lee Roden; Richmond College scholarship, Fred Yale Toy; University of Virginia scholarship, James Irving Cason; Washington and Lee University scholarship, Charles A. Slekman; T. H. Ellett scholarship, Daniel S. McCarthy.

Special prizes were won by the following: Lower school scholarship medal, Henry Douglass Roden; improvement in penmanship medal, Robert Inman Johnson; best penman medal, John B. Buckner, Jr.; Thomas scientific medal, Charles A. Slekman; all-round athletic medal, James I. Cason; Chandler prize for English (\$10 in gold), Frederick Yale Toy; Hotchkiss composition prize (\$10 in gold), Marion Stuart Dimmock; Roger Mithiser and Edwin Lee Roden tied for the Pitt medal offered for spelling, and each will receive equal honors in the shape of duplicate medals.

Honor roll for the session (average required 92 per cent.): Stewart Gilman, Alvin Coleman, Alva Hovey, Inman Johnson, Roger Mithiser, Hill Mantogus, James Patton, Malcolm Pitt, Edwin Roden, Marion Dimmock, Churchill Young, Samuel Witt, Stuart Shield, Douglass Roden, Harrison Saunders, Feigener Neal, Beaufort Ragland, Charles Taylor.

Vocal Teacher Wanted. Bright young women who are accomplished musicians will have an opportunity to secure appointments as vocal instructors in Haskell Institute, Kansas, when a civil service examination will be held in Richmond, on June 29.

The applicant is an expert musician and qualified to teach vocal music well up into high C, she may get a job. The salary is \$600 a year with board and lodging. Information regarding the examination may be had by communicating with W. H. Ham at the Federal building in this city.

FIRST NATIONAL SECURES VOTING

Well Known Banker Severs Connection With Bank of Richmond.



FRED B. NOLTING.

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank, Frederick E. Nolting was elected second vice-president of that institution. He will assume his new duties on July 1.

For many years Mr. Nolting has been vice-president of the Bank of Richmond, which is to be consolidated with the National Bank of Virginia. He has acquired a knowledge of banking affairs which is expected to add largely to the usefulness and progressiveness of the First National.

Mr. Nolting has already taken first rank as a bank officer in Richmond. This, added to his high standing as a man, makes him a valuable acquisition to the oldest and largest banking institution in the city. His resignation as vice-president of the Bank of Richmond takes effect on June 25.

SAYS MONK IS UNHURT

Owner of Animal Claims That Only Soft Balls are Thrown at Him.

According to Joe Johnson, the man who owns the monkey, a monkey at Idlewood Park and invites the public to throw balls at its head, there is nothing cruel about it. He was arrested on complaint of Emmet Taylor, Cruelty to Animals. It was claimed that the monkey is often struck in the face and injured.

Johnson produced a rubber ball which he insists is the kind that is thrown at the monkey. It is soft, hollow and very light. Johnson said he has been running the monkey show for several years and the monkey has never been hurt. He explained that his is a big specimen, "part gorilla" and almost as strong as a man.

"You don't think the monkey is going to let people hit him in the face, do you?" he asked. "The monkey knows a thing or two and when he sees the balls coming he side steps. I would not hurt a monkey, and I am not hurt for anything. He is not treated cruelly." Justice Crutchfield will decide the case on Saturday when Mr. Taylor and an attorney for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be in court to prosecute Johnson.

PLATED COINS WITH GOLD

Man on Trial Charged With Counterfeiting in Surry County.

Colonel W. H. Chapman, revenue agent, yesterday returned from Greensboro, N. C., where he attended Federal Court. A man charged with making counterfeit \$20 gold pieces was being tried there.

Secret service men arrested the counterfeiter near the Virginia line. He was accused of making the spurious money in Surry county, Va. The counterfeiter was a very ingenious one. Bank metal was used, while the counterfeiter would by an electrical machine plate the coins with gold. But for the difference in weight, it is difficult to detect the "phony" coins.

The merchant who sold the alleged counterfeit the plating machine in Kansas City, Mo., was a witness in the case. A number of counterfeit \$20 coins were found in possession of the man when arrested.

SCHOOL CONCERT TO-NIGHT

Public Invited to Affair at John Marshall High School.

All patrons and friends of the John Marshall High School are invited to a concert to be given tonight in the school auditorium by the pupils. The program will consist of choruses, solos and duets, both vocal and instrumental. Some of the numbers to be rendered by the chorus of 200 children will be "Spring Song," "Spinning Maid," "Annie Laurie," "Toreador Song," "Vesper Hour," "Morning Invitation," "Santa Lucia," and "Miners' Song."

Some of the soloists are Alice Satterfield, Emily Askew, Caroline Pettus, Ferdinand Rueger, Scott Sutton, Sadie Spilberg, Ralph Wolfe, Rosa Hatzler, Ruth Gatewood, Hazel Powell, Rudolph Schmidt, Louise Rice and others.

EXPECT NO FINAL ACTION

Street Car Franchise Matter Will Go Over to Council.

The subcommittee from the Council Committee on Streets, which has under consideration modifications of the present street car lines with a view to a new general franchise, will meet at the City Hall to-night. Since the annexation of Manchester, the situation existing franchises to operation of cars in South Richmond, and the probable building of bridges will be discussed.

Arrangement of through lines and transfer points, it is not regarded as probable that any final action will be taken on the franchise during the life of this Council, which expires August 31.

NO DECISION YET ON BUCHANAN CASE

Two Committeemen Absent, and Meeting Will Be Held Later.

Because of the absence of two of its members, the committee investigating the charges against Rev. James Buchanan, of the Associated Charities, did nothing definite at the meeting yesterday afternoon. An informal discussion was held and the various hearings, with the testimony adduced, were gone over in a general way, but no formal session was held. The absentees were Rev. J. T. Mastin and Jeffrey G. A. Montague.

The date of the next meeting, at which a verdict will be rendered and a written opinion probably formulated, has not been determined. It was decided to leave the date open subject to the call of Chairman A. W. Patterson, who will consult his fellow-members as to a time when all can be present.

There is no doubt, apparently, in the mind of any one that not only will it be found by the committee that the charges are not substantiated, but that in addition a complete vindication of Mr. Buchanan will result, with possible commendatory statements as to his life and work. No dissent is heard expressed from the view that the accused minister comes out of the investigation with an untarnished name.

MAXIMUM VERDICT

Jury Awards Irene Sharp \$2,500 Damages for Street Car Accident.

A verdict for damages in the sum of \$2,500 was rendered late yesterday afternoon by the jury in the Law and Equity Court in the case of Irene Sharp against the Richmond Traction Company. William Northrop and Henry T. Wickham, receivers, and the Virginia Railway and Power Company, successors, were the defendants. The action was for \$2,500, and the jury gave the maximum after a trial lasting two days. The plaintiff was injured in a street car accident some time ago at the intersection of Seventh and Broad Streets. The usual motions for leave to file bills of exceptions and appeal were entered.

MASONIC HOME SCHOOL HAS BIG ENTERTAINMENT

Governor Mann was the chief speaker at the commencement of the Masonic Home School, near Seven Pines, last night, in which the honors for the past year were awarded. After the award of medals and scholarships the children presented an entertainment which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The program included songs by the school quartet and chorus and recitations. Two interesting tableaux were presented.

Pupils Give Recital

On Tuesday evening a musical was given by the pupils of Miss Martha E. Kuebel in her studio, 509 North First Street. The players acquitted themselves with credit, all showing improvement since the preceding year. A special feature of the evening was the rendition of several songs by Miss Alice Bohmer Buhl, which were greatly enjoyed by all. Those taking part were Misses Jessie Chadwick, Ida Feltig, Alena Melvire, Madeline Lipscomb, Rosa Melvire, Marie Meisel, Ruth Mensehke, Masters Adam Feltig and Walter Mensehke.

Sargent Wins Suit

Verdict and judgment were entered in the City Circuit Court late yesterday afternoon in the case of J. W. Sargent against H. S. Bernhard and Brother for \$500. The action was for balance claimed on an account for work done in connection with remodeling the Waverly Hotel.

Sues Street Car Company

The case of Irene Sharp against the Richmond Traction Company, Henry T. Wickham and William Northrop, receivers, and the Virginia Railway and Power Company, successors, on trial in the Law and Equity Court, will probably reach the jury today. The action is for \$2,500 for personal injuries.

Suit Instituted

Suit was brought yesterday in the Law and Equity Court by W. A. Whitley against M. L. Dahn for \$50. The ground of the action was not stated.

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Open Door Theatre Policy in Virginia Followed by Talk of Building New House Here—Academy Open to Trust, but Trust Can't Rule Others Out.

Open Door in Virginia

An Associated Press dispatch from New York last night said:

"It was announced in New York to-night that the Leath circuit of theatres, consisting of the Academy of Music in Richmond, the Academy of Music in Newport News, the Academy of Music in Lynchburg, the Academy of Music in Petersburg, and the Academy of Music in Roanoke, will hereafter maintain the 'open door' policy. The announcement was made by the National Theatre Owners' Association, in opposition to the theatrical syndicate."

Here's your new theatre. Less than two weeks ago Klaw & Erlanger, who control the trust—sometimes referred to as the "alleged" trust—published flaming advertisements announcing that they had not and would not book any of their syndicate attractions at the Academy of Music next season because Klaw & Erlanger was demanding the open door. That was the first blow. Subsequently, the Leath circuit people announced that the Academy would be independent, and that the syndicate could come in if it so desired.

Right on the heels of this came Joseph Brooks of New York, representing Klaw & Erlanger. Mr. Brooks got into town yesterday; then he got in touch with reporters on the afternoon papers; then came the announcement that Klaw & Erlanger would build a big theatre in Richmond and that Jake Klaw and Greener Neal would be sorry.

Whirlwind of New Ones.

All of which is interesting. That new theatre cannot be built—if built at all—in time for the fall season. Therefore, the Academy of Music will invite the independent theatres to come in its travels over the South, make long jumps and skip Richmond; it may stop here and collect a part of the gate money if it can deliver the goods.

So many new paper theatres have been erected in Richmond during the past few weeks that it is difficult to find a location for this new one. Real estate men may have no difficulty, however, in offering the syndicate a site. Local people can invest in the venture if they desire.

The point has been made in this newspaper all along that the public does not care who sends the shows, and that the shows are clean and good. But the point raised somewhere that Richmond will be in a sad plight without the trust is palpably weak. Since the last season, for instance, many of the syndicate players have deserted.

Few Came Last Season. In fact, it is claimed that the independent theatres sent a larger number of stars than the trust. Last season Klaw & Erlanger supplied Richmond with only one attraction—"The Time, the Place and the Girl"—between January 22 and March 1. Norfolk supplied Richmond with "The Girl From Boston," and it was so bad that Richardson would not permit it to be put on here.

It is known, of course, that some local people have been soliciting subscriptions for a new theatre. Klaw & Erlanger might get that, or the "they might" crowd, or the "they will" crowd. They saw an opportunity of profit in the event that the Academy stuck to the trust. They might still build for the trust while the independents have the Academy.

According to the popular idea, Richmond needs a new theatre so much as it needs more and better attractions in the theatre already here. The fact discovered within the past twenty-four hours by the syndicate that the Academy does not suit its purposes is regarded as a blow, inasmuch as it has been using the house for years without complaint.

Open to Everybody. Jake Wells, when seen by a reporter for The Times-Dispatch yesterday, made a clear and explicit statement. He said:

There is little use in going into any proposition as to the theatrical situation, as the press, both at Richmond and Norfolk, and I might say, throughout the entire South, has devoted many columns and also a number of splendid editorials to the subject. There is no doubt as to the sentiment of the press throughout the South, concerning the present theatrical situation. If, of course, speak only of the South, although I am well informed as to the situation in other parts of the country. The South is a field which most directly interests myself and my associates.

Leath Theatrical Company. This is hardly the way to put it. I am, from a business standpoint, in favor of the open door for the Academy of Music, both in Richmond and Norfolk, to play all meritorious performances obtainable that the theatre-going public of these cities care to see, and I am in a position to state that my associates in the Leath Theatrical Company feel the same way about it. There have been some reasons why one or two of them have been a bit slow to act for reasons that do not particularly concern the public, but these gentlemen, in the past few days, after having made a more careful study of the situation, have agreed with me.

"Therefore, I do not consider it any personal victory. In fact, no victory at all simply a final decision, after proper consideration on the part of the board of directors of the Leath Theatrical Company to place their theatres at the disposal of all legitimate producing managers, for the purpose of playing any meritorious attraction that they may have to offer."

There is one erroneous impression that has got a foothold, and that is that we are leaving the Klaw & Erlanger syndicate to go to the Shuberts, another theatrical syndicate. This is misleading. Conditions have brought out the organization of what is known as the National Theatre Owners' Association, an organization of theatre owners and operators, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and from the State of Maine to the Gulf. The object of this organization is to conduct their theatres on a basis of an open door policy, or, in other words, to book independently of all agencies, and have business conducted directly between the theatre owners and operators and the producing managers.

There is no desire whatever to exclude Klaw & Erlanger or other agencies, or any legitimate producer, or manager from placing his attractions in the theatres of this organization. We bar nobody, and are prepared to give time to any and all of them without discrimination. We were compelled to resort to this measure because the syndicate would not permit a number of the biggest producing managers of this country to play their attractions in our theatres and were in a position to take this attitude owing to an exclusive booking arrangement entered into years ago, when conditions were entirely different.

Best for Public.

"The National Theatre Owners and Operators, in taking this step, considered the conditions very thoroughly, and came to the one and only conclusion, that it was for the best interests of themselves, the theatre-going public and the theatrical profession generally, that they ought not to be allied with any partisan theatrical combination, and to everybody interested theatrically."

"From a local standpoint, I wish to state that the object of the Leath Theatrical Company is to place its high class theatres in this city at the disposal of all attractions obtainable that the public would care to witness, and that as the theatre-going people of the city must know, there is sufficient time during the season for the disposal of all attractions obtainable, all high-class attractions obtainable. In other words, the city is not in need of another theatre, but is in need of more meritorious attractions in the theatre which it already has."

"In conclusion, I wish to state that all attractions, whether they be Klaw & Erlanger, Shuberts, Liebler & Co., Savage, Frohman, Brady, Cohen & Harris, Waghalter & Kemper, Woods, or those of any other legitimate producing managers, are welcome to the Academy of Music, this city. That is the policy of all the theatres now members of the National Theatre Owners' Association."

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